

# Commitment

Until one is committed there is hesitancy,  
the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness.  
Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation)  
there is one underlying fact, the ignorance of which  
kills countless ideas and splendid plans:  
That the moment one definitely commits one's self  
then Providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one  
that would never otherwise have occurred.  
A whole stream of events issues from the decision,  
raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents  
and meetings and material assistance  
Which no man could have dreamed  
would have come his way.  
I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets:

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.  
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

*W.H. Murray*  
*from The Scottish Himalayan Expedition, 1951*